

Notice of Allowability	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/668,715		HATTORI ET AL.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Nasser Ahmad		1772	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>See Continuation Sheet</u>. |
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: The drawings filed on 9/23/2003 are accepted by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald C. Lucas on December 20, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1 and 2, respectively, lines 3-5, the phrase "the protective layer transfer foil having a peeling layer and a transferring layer laminated on the peeling layer," has been deleted.

Claims 1 and 2, respectively, line 7, before "adhering" the phrase - -providing the protective layer foil having a peeling layer and a transferring layer laminated on the peeling layer ; - - has been inserted.

Claims 1 and 2, respectively, line 16, the phrase "a maximum electrostatic charge of" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 17, the phrase "is 0 to 30 kV" has been substituted by the phrase - - has a maximum electrostatic charge of at most 30 kV - -.

Claims 2 and 3, lines 17 and 2, respectively, the phrase "is 0 to 10 kV" has been replaced by the phrase - -has a maximum electrostatic charge of at most 10 kV- - .

Claims 18-20 has been canceled as being directed to non-elected without traverse invention group.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. A review of applicants' arguments in amendment filed on October 11, 2005 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the applied prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of preparing an identification card comprising providing the protective layer transferring foil having a peeling layer and a transferring layer laminated on the peeling layer; adhering the transferring layer onto the card substrate and peeling off the peeling layer to prepare the identification card. The prior art also fails to teach that the peeling layer includes a support and a releasing layer having a coated amount of greater than 0 and not more than 3.0 g/sqm; that the transferring layer includes a photo-cured resin layer having a coated amount of 3.0 to 15.0 g/sqm; and wherein the peeling layer at the peeling step has a maximum electrostatic charge of at most 30 kV or the identification card at the peeling step has a maximum electrostatic charge of at most 10 kV. The phrases "at most 30 kV" or "at most 10 kV" are interpreted by the examiner to define that the electrostatic charge is greater than 0 and at most 30 kV or is greater than 0 and at most 10kV. Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the instant claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably


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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 25, 2005.